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The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**FINDINGS AND ORDERS OF THE BUILDING REHABILITATION  
APPEALS BOARD  
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 2  
3 VOTES**

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

Adopt the findings and orders of the Building Rehabilitation Appeals Board which provide for abatement of public nuisance at the following locations:

1133 East 62nd Street, Los Angeles  
2422 East 113th Street, Los Angeles  
657 East 139th Street, Los Angeles  
4920 Southridge Avenue, Los Angeles  
12323 South Willowbrook Avenue, Compton  
12527 South Willowbrook Avenue, Compton

**PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Title 26 of the Los Angeles County Code, the Building Code, provides for abatement of public nuisances through rehabilitation procedures contained in Chapter 99. The Building Code also provides for a Building Rehabilitation Appeals Board, appointed by your Board, for the purpose of hearing appeals on matters concerning public nuisances.

Government Code Section 25845 requires that the property owners be provided an opportunity to appear before the Board and be heard prior to abatement of the nuisance by the County. However, your Board adopted modified procedures which delegated the required hearing to the Building Rehabilitation Appeals Board with the requirement that the Building Rehabilitation Appeals Board make a written recommendation to your Board.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

This action meets the County's Strategic Plan Goals of Service Excellence and Children and Families' Well-Being as it provides services to the public that have a wide-reaching positive effect on the entire community. The action will provide for the arrest and abatement of neighborhood deterioration and the elimination of unsightly, unsafe, and unhealthful conditions which constitute a public nuisance. It will require the repair and demolition of substandard structures and the removal of trash, junk, debris, inoperable vehicles, and overgrown vegetation from private property.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

No negative fiscal impact or increase in net County cost.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

The Building Rehabilitation Appeals Board has conducted the required hearing for the properties listed below. The Building Rehabilitation Appeals Board considered all competent evidence and testimony offered by all persons pertaining to the matters of substandard properties. The Building Rehabilitation Appeals Board made a finding of facts in the matter and declared the following properties to be a public nuisance.

Your Board may either adopt these findings and orders of the Building Rehabilitation Appeals Board without further notice of hearing or may set the matter for a de novo hearing before your Board.

**ADDRESS: 1133 East 62nd Street, Los Angeles**

**FINDING AND ORDERS:** The Board made a finding that the property is substandard, declared the property a public nuisance, and issued the following orders: (a) That the accessory structure be demolished by November 4, 2004. (b) That the property be cleared of all trash, junk, debris, discarded household furniture and appliances, miscellaneous personal property, and all excessive vegetation by October 15, 2004, and maintained cleared thereafter. (c) That the abandoned, wrecked, dismantled, or inoperable vehicle(s) be removed by October 15, 2004. (d) That the structure(s) be repaired per noted defects by November 4, 2004. e) Obtain appropriate construction permits by November 4, 2004. Demolition includes the removal of all foundations, slabs, walks, driveways, debris, and the proper abandonment of any sewer or sewage disposal system.

**List of Defects**

1. Maintenance of premises so out of harmony and/or conformity with the maintenance standards of adjacent properties as to cause substantial diminution of the enjoyment, use, or property values of such adjacent properties.
2. The building was open and accessible to children and existed as a fire hazard and a threat to public safety and welfare, until it was barricaded, as requested by the Sheriff's Department.
3. The building is dilapidated, apparently abandoned, and damaged.
4. The building contains defective, deteriorated, or inadequate floor supports.
5. The underfloor ventilation and screening are lacking.
6. Doors and windows are broken.
7. The required heating appliance is damaged and inoperable.
8. The nonconforming garage is in a state of disrepair.
9. The electrical service is missing.
10. The dwelling lacks hot and cold running water to the required plumbing fixtures.

11. The dwelling's lavatory, bath facility, kitchen sink, and laundry tray or standpipe are insanitary.
12. Abandoned, wrecked, dismantled, or inoperable vehicle(s) or parts thereof stored for unreasonable periods on the premises.
13. The premises contain attractive nuisances dangerous to children, i.e., abandoned or broken equipment, furniture, and junk.
14. Garbage cans and packing crates stored in front or side yards and visible from public streets.

Portions of the interior of the building were not accessible for inspection; therefore, additional defects may be found when an interior inspection is made.

**ADDRESS: 2422 East 113th Street, Los Angeles**

**FINDING AND ORDER:** The Board made a finding that the property is substandard, declared the property a public nuisance, and issued the following order: That the property be cleared of all trash, junk, debris, discarded household furniture and appliances, and miscellaneous personal property by October 15, 2004, and maintained cleared thereafter.

**List of Defects**

1. Maintenance of premises so out of harmony and/or conformity with the maintenance standards of adjacent properties as to cause substantial diminution of the enjoyment, use, or property values of such adjacent properties.
2. Broken or discarded furniture and household equipment in yard areas for unreasonable periods.
3. Miscellaneous articles of personal property scattered about the premises.
4. Trash, junk, and debris scattered about the premises.

**ADDRESS: 657 East 139th Street, Los Angeles**

**FINDING AND ORDERS:** The Board made a finding that the property is substandard, declared the property a public nuisance, and issued the following orders: (a) That the property be cleared of all trash, junk, debris, discarded household furniture and appliances, and miscellaneous personal property by October 15, 2004, and maintained cleared thereafter. (b) That the abandoned, wrecked, dismantled, or inoperable vehicle(s) be removed by October 15, 2004.

**List of Defects**

1. Maintenance of premises so out of harmony and/or conformity with the maintenance standards of adjacent properties as to cause substantial diminution of the enjoyment, use, or property values of such adjacent properties.
2. Attractive nuisances dangerous to children in the form of abandoned or broken equipment and neglected machinery.
3. Broken or discarded furniture and household equipment in yard areas for unreasonable periods.
4. Miscellaneous articles of personal property scattered about the premises.
5. Trash, junk, and debris scattered about the premises.
6. Garbage cans and packing crates stored in front or side yards and visible from public streets.
7. Trailers, campers, and other mobile equipment stored for unreasonable periods of time in yard areas contiguous to streets or highways.
8. Inoperable vehicle(s) or parts thereof stored for unreasonable periods on the premises.

**ADDRESS: 4920 Southridge Avenue, Los Angeles**

**FINDING AND ORDERS:** The Board made a finding that the property is substandard, declared the property a public nuisance, and issued the following orders: (a) That the property be cleared of all excessive vegetation by October 15, 2004, and maintained cleared thereafter. (b) That the pool area be secured to prevent unauthorized entry by October 15, 2004, and maintained secure thereafter.

**List of Defects**

1. Maintenance of premises so out of harmony and/or conformity with the maintenance standards of adjacent properties as to cause substantial diminution of the enjoyment, use, or property values of such adjacent properties.
2. The building was open and accessible to children and existed as a threat to public safety and welfare, until it was barricaded, as requested by the Sheriff's Department.
3. The premises contain trash and junk.
4. Overgrown vegetation and weeds constituting an unsightly appearance or a danger to public safety and welfare.

**ADDRESS: 12323 South Willowbrook Avenue, Compton**

**FINDING AND ORDER:** The Board made a finding that the property is substandard, declared the property a public nuisance, and issued the following order: That the property be cleared of all trash, junk, debris, discarded household furniture and appliances, miscellaneous personal property, and all excessive vegetation by October 15, 2004, and maintained cleared thereafter.

**List of Defects**

1. Maintenance of premises so out of harmony and/or conformity with the maintenance standards of adjacent properties as to cause substantial diminution of the enjoyment, use, or property values of such adjacent properties.
2. Overgrown vegetation, weeds, and debris constituting an unsightly appearance or a danger to public safety and welfare.

3. An attractive nuisance dangerous to children in the form of abandoned or broken equipment.
4. Miscellaneous articles of personal property scattered about the premises.
5. Trash and junk scattered about the premises.
6. Abandoned, wrecked, dismantled, or inoperable vehicle(s) or parts thereof stored for unreasonable periods on the premises.

**ADDRESS: 12527 South Willowbrook Avenue, Compton**

**FINDING AND ORDER:** The Board made a finding that the property is substandard, declared the property a public nuisance, and issued the following order: That the property be cleared of all trash, junk, debris, discarded household furniture and appliances, miscellaneous personal property, and all excessive vegetation by November 19, 2004, and maintained cleared thereafter.

**List of Defects**

1. Maintenance of premises so out of harmony and/or conformity with the maintenance standards of adjacent properties as to cause substantial diminution of the enjoyment, use, or property values of such adjacent properties.
2. Overgrown vegetation, dead trees, weeds, and debris constituting an unsightly appearance or a danger to public safety and welfare.
3. Attractive nuisances dangerous to children in the form of abandoned or broken equipment, neglected machinery, refrigerators, and freezers.
4. Broken or discarded furniture and household equipment in yard areas for unreasonable periods.
5. Miscellaneous articles of personal property scattered about the premises.
6. Trash and junk scattered about the premises.
7. Garbage cans and packing crates stored in front or side yards and visible from public streets.

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**IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

Not applicable.

**CONCLUSION**

The Building Rehabilitation Appeals Board confirmed the County Building Official's findings that the listed properties are substandard because they are injurious to health, offensive to the senses, and obstruct the free use of neighboring property so as to interfere with the comfortable enjoyment of life and property.

At such time as this recommendation is adopted, please return an approved copy of this letter to Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,

DONALD L. WOLFE  
Interim Director of Public Works

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County Counsel